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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices in the major terminal markets trended slightly higher in the East, but mostly unchanged in the West and Midwest when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was still in a range of steady to occasionally firm. Retail and food service demand was fair to good for weekend business. Overall, best movement was reported where specials were in progress. Supplies of smaller sizes were usually well cleared, but heavier weights were adequate to ample. In the parts structure, interest was fair to good. Availability of tenders and drumsticks were short of needs. Leg quarters were clearing well into export outlets. Wings were irregular ranging from adequate to close balance. Other parts were usually sufficient for requirements. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**Preliminary report** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 19-JUN-2006 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	57.00-60.00	49.00-65.00	58.30	27
New York	58.00-61.00			
Los Angeles	76.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	68.00-70.00	56.00-77.00	68.56	88

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
941	65.06-71.00	68.77
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	146.00	1,187
BREASTS - B/S	136.00	5,506
BREASTS - WHOLE	71.00	1,268
THIGH MEAT - B/S	85.00	1,066
LEG QUARTERS	34.00	8,412
WINGS	79.00	2,853

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was steady to full steady. Demand improved and was fair to moderate for weekend business. Movement was best where specials were either in progress or planned and where fast food promotions were featured. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient, although smaller sizes were being reported as in close balance to short. In the parts structure, interest was fair to good. Tenders and drumsticks were well cleared to short. Other dark meat was in fair balance, but sufficient for trade requirements. Wings were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained moderate to good entering the weekend. Offerings were in good balance to closely cleared on the smaller sizes; more than sufficient for the heavier sizes. Retail and distributive movement was mostly moderate, best where feature was planned. The market tone was at least steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were well cleared; bone-in breasts were fully adequate. Leg quarters, drums and tenders were in close balance to tight. Other items were noted as mostly adequate.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was steady with most trading for next week at unchanged prices. Offerings adequate. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were unchanged in Chicago and too few to report elsewhere. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were adequate to ample. Retail and food service movement was slow to moderate. Floor stocks were adequate; weights desirable. Supplies of dark meat items were in close balance to short, except thighs were building; white meat parts were mixed. The market tone was steady to firm on leg items and about steady on the balance of parts.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good. Seller offerings were adequate to closely cleared and were generally noted as in the tighter balance on the smaller sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 75 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to firm. In the parts complex, whole breasts were available in spots. Other cuts were generally noted as in good balance to well cleared.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	52-76
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	06/12/06-06/16/06 (A)
	06/13/05-06/17/05 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	06/12/06-06/16/06 (A)
	06/13/05-06/17/05 (A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

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**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

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ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	693	120.00-167.00	-	128.54	996	120.00-177.00	-	130.91	3,843	126.28
TENDERLOINS	183	93.00-159.00	-	99.68	178	93.00-169.00	-	99.96	1,025	97.15
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				397	66.03
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				307	64.34
LEGS	148	38.00-44.00	39	39.27	128	37.00-54.00	39	39.31	775	39.25
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	632	29.00-35.00	31-32	31.63	589	29.00-34.00	-	31.89	3,077	31.20
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	908	30.00-37.00	33-34	33.96	1,616	30.00-38.00	-	31.91	5,338	32.09
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	60.00-75.00	-	67.12	276	58.00-79.00	-	69.09	1,331	67.52
WINGS (CUT)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				260	80.00-94.00	-	87.77	1,390	83.93
DRUMSTICKS	73	39.00-44.00	-	40.58	TOO FEW TO REPORT				329	40.47
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				157	34.39
B/S THIGHS	85	80.00-91.00	-	84.00	TOO FEW TO REPORT				439	80.91

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
46.00 - 51.50	48.39	47.00 - 51.00	49.45	47.77

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly but still noted as at least moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items were in good balance to well cleared. Dark meat cuts were about adequate to adequate with drumsticks in the best balance. Wings were sufficient. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to fairly good, best where feature activity was planned or were in progress. The market tone was at least steady to fully steady for breast items; fully steady to firm for tenders and drums. The balance of items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	122.83	685,580	130-135	126.38	791,620	124.96	3,653,134
TENDERLOINS	105	99.74	232,240	105-110	96.19	121,880	98.75	959,343
BREAST - WITH RIBS	72-73	78.07	97,200	72-73	85.55	44,640	79.93	357,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	74.69	92,520	72	73.90	90,000	74.13	454,280
LEGS	42-43	39.38	199,600	42-43	43.42	143,720	40.50	901,770
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	32.45	195,760	32-33	33.17	245,840	32.30	1,359,200
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	36.03	157,960	37-38	42.46	96,420	37.51	677,766
THIGHS	28-29	38.46	76,160	28-29	38.83	63,960	38.22	320,038
B/S THIGHS	83-84	81.80	122,920	83-84	83.47	53,840	82.13	494,260
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	71.10	251,080	70-71	71.22	168,247	69.83	1,164,507
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.59	22,280	10-12	11.84	15,800	10.99	143,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.82	7,240	30-35	26.21	11,040	27.17	44,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.52	19,080	40-45	43.94	23,800	43.72	110,320

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	06/16	06/15	06/14	06/13	06/14	06/13	06/09	06/07
Alabama	4,215	4,156	3,925	3,946	5.37	5.42	3,895	5.38
Arkansas	5,142	5,447	5,372	5,500	5.32	5.27	4,890	5.25
Delmarva	2,212	2,285	2,205	2,559	5.72	5.65	2,450	5.66
KY-LA-TN	2,544	2,375	2,254	2,309	5.14	5.11	2,255	5.09
Mississippi	3,390	2,905	2,754	2,996	5.54	5.76	3,299	5.77
North Carolina	2,757	2,589	2,310	2,189	6.74	6.58	2,933	6.80
Texas	2,589	2,568	2,551	2,520	5.33	5.29	2,481	5.36
Total	22,849	22,325	21,371	21,727	5.53	5.52	22,203	5.56
Mon-Fri	111,451(A)						110,235(A)	
Saturday	1,011(included in total for date shown)						1,933	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 16-Jun-06 and 17-Jun-06 is estimated to be 34,185,000 head up 2.60 percent from a week ago and up 1.82 percent from a year ago.  
 (Last week 33,318,000, last year 33,575,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 17-Jun-06 is estimated to be 164,929,000 head down 0.83 percent from a week ago, and down 2.87 percent from a year ago. (Last week 166,314,000, last year 169,799,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-105
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	89-103
	DRY PACK	108-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	102-109
DUCKS		185-190

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 03-Jun-06 (Preliminary),

	(A) Fast food/ Food service 4.20 Lbs. & down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs.	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs. & Up
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	25,173	16,562	48,624
Avg Weight	3.87	4.77	6.43
% of total /1	28%	18%	54%

#### Comparisons

Last week	23,816	22,856	48,447
Avg Weight	3.68	4.76	6.50
% of total /1	25%	24%	51%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,318	20,054	48,099
Avg Weight	3.63	4.69	6.40
% of total /1	26%	22%	52%

To date/2006	592,516	420,578	1,185,487
To date/2005	607,930	476,307	1,080,926

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 10-JUN-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	166,314	1,068	1,492	2,560	538
Avg Wt	5.38	3.34	8.04	6.08	6.69
Last week	142,908	757	1,463	2,220	493
Same wk yr ago	167,150	1,605	1,510	3,115	504
Avg Wt	5.35	3.29	8.14	5.64	6.59
To-date/2006	3,702,814	26,743	33,546	60,289	11,880
To-date/2005	3,639,161	35,637	31,487	67,124	11,585

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.3 million head, or 2.9 million more than estimated available.

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
May				
6	156.0	166.7	94%	5.39
13	166.9	166.5	100%	5.45
20	169.3	165.1	103%	5.42
27	173.2	162.8	106%	5.37
June				
3	144.6	163.1	89%	5.41
10	168.3	165.4	102%	5.38
Year to date	3747.8	3769.7	99%	
June				
17		166.0		
24		164.5		

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	06/17/06	06/10/06	% CHG	06/18/05	% CHG
Broilers	164,929	166,314*	0.83	169,799*	-2.87
Cattle	708	707	0	666*	+06
Hogs	1,823	1,903	-04	1,914*	-05

\*ACTUAL

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 12-JUN-2006

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	151-155	157-161
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	132-142	133-143
MOSTLY		

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	53.00-64.00	56.00-60.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65.50-86.25	68.00-76.25

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	62.64 - 85.05
14 OZ.	69.12 - 96.39
16 OZ.	74.88 - 106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 12-JUN-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

#### **GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -** June 13, 2006

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.05 - 1.20
Doves	5.00 - 6.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.70 - .80
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.75 - .85
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.60 - .80
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.70 - .80
Guinea Fowl	.50 - .75
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 2.50ea.
Silgies	2.50 - 2.75ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.25 - .30
Pigeons	3.25 - 3.75ea.
White Pigeons	4.00 - 4.50ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.05 - 1.50
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.05 - 1.20
Bunnies	1.00 - 4.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	2.00 - 4.00ea.
Goats	70.00 - 80.00ea.
Kid Goats	25.00 - 35.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00 - 1.15
Total Coops Sold	480

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report on heavy canners; unchanged to slightly lower on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings were fully adequate to instances ample for the mostly light to fair at best demand; with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was light to fair at best. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady to barely steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST	
<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
18-26 MAJORITY 23-24	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
19-28 MAJORITY 24.5-25	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

#### LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair at best, best into rendering operations. Offerings of spent hens ranged adequate to ample for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	5-12	8-10

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Reported costs for disposal were TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of light hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished usage was light. Salvage values were expected to be at least steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged to lower. Demand was light with offerings fully adequate to ample, although easing slightly into rendering operations. Schedules full-time to instances reduced. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	2-10	5-7

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

#### HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-JUN-06

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair at best for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was no better than fair. The undertone was about steady to barely steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading levels were too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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